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HOUSE MEMORIAL 70

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO ARTS COMMISSION TO CREATE A
COMPETITION FOR COMPOSERS OF A STATE COWBOY SONG.

WHEREAS, a member of the house of representatives in the
year 2007 offered the state an opportunity to adopt an official
state cowboy song; and

WHEREAS, the state has a state song, a state ballad and a
state bilingual song; and

WHEREAS, a good deal of the controversy surrounding
adoption of an official state cowboy song arose because of
competition among composers who wanted to be known as the
composer of the state cowboy song; and

WHEREAS, the members may be able to agree on declaring an
official state cowboy song so long as the process for selecting
such a song is less arbitrary than by a vote of a majority of

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1 the members of the legislature, whose tastes and musical
2 abilities may vary;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
5 arts commission conduct a competition for a New Mexico cowboy
6 song; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the competition be open to any
8 person born in New Mexico or who has lived in New Mexico
9 consecutively for the past twenty years; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the competition accept entries
11 for at least six months prior to selection and that the winner
12 of the competition be announced at least a month before the
13 start of a legislative session; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a jury selected by the New
15 Mexico arts commission select the New Mexico cowboy song from
16 among the entries, based on a majority vote; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that entrants in the competition
18 agree to release to the state any rights to the song composed
19 for the competition; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico arts commission
21 present the New Mexico cowboy song to a future legislative
22 session for consideration as the official state cowboy song;

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the New Mexico arts commission, the governor and
25 each country-western radio station in the state.

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